Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 82.

The *kodi* level of tanks.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Wherever and whenever the *kodi* level of a tank is lowered, the *atchkat* of such tank may be proportionately reduced.

(*b*) The *atchkat* under tanks which have become silted up and their capacity reduced should be revised and minimised.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into. Special cases should be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 83.

Restoration of minor tanks.

(1) Messrs. Gundappa, Mysore District Board; H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk; Mohamed Raza and S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality; Dande Kesavachar and Kesavadasiengar, Belur taluk.
(2) Mr. Hutchaveeregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) There are about 11,000 minor tanks in the State. The object with which they were constructed during the time of old *Pollegars* and Rajas and their usefulness have been frustrated by failure of the raiyat to carry out proper repairs and by want of timely rains. If restored, these will be useful for wet cultivation and yield much revenue to the State. It is therefore requested that arrangements may be made for the restoration of these minor tanks at the average rate of 500 a year so that they may all become available for irrigation in about 20 years or so. The construction of big tanks at a large outlay and the opening of channels will only benefit a portion of the State, whereas the restoration of these minor tanks will benefit the whole State.

A definite policy may, it is requested, be adopted to arrest the further deterioration of the minor tanks and to assure to the poor raiyat his subsistence.

(2) Monsoons are failing in recent years. Tanks do not receive sufficient supply of water even once in 2 or 3 years. In consequence, even a good dry crop cannot be secured once in 2 or 3 years. Raising wet crop is out of the question as every village has no tank for irrigation purposes. Most of the small tanks which were in existence in each village are now out of order. Wherever large reservoirs are constructed at heavy outlay, large areas under them are either *kharab* or jungle or the tract unhealthy, so that they are not of much use to the majority of the raiyat population in the State. Instead of spending large sums of money on such large reservoirs of questionable utility, it is prayed that all the small tanks in villages may be restored so that every village may benefit by it. This was the policy adopted by the ancient Rulers of this country. The outlay set apart for a large work would save a large number of small tanks. This subject was brought to the notice of Government during 1912 in Subject No. 110 and was noted for consideration. It may be expedited.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.